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NOTICE
DISIGNERS of Cargo per Steamship
"GAMBE"
 London, in connection with the above
 voyage, are hereby informed that their Goods
 being landed, and stored at their risk at the
 wharf immediately after loading.
 Additional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
 notice is received from the Consignee be-
 fore **TODAY, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.**, re-
 ferring to the loading list.
 Goods of Loading will be countermanded by the
 Consignee.
 Goods remaining unclaimed after **THURSDAY**
 the 6th December, at Noon, will be sub-
 mitted to the Auctioneer and sold.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
 Acting Agent.
 Hongkong, 28th November, 1878.

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 Consignees of the following "Cargo" are
 requested to send to the Office of Loading
 and unloading, for countermanding, at the
 immediate duty. This Cargo has been

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY For 1879. (With which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

This Work is now being prepared for publication. Numerous important additions are being made to render it more valuable as a Commercial Guide.

The Publishers request that those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be kind enough to do so WITHOUT DELAY. Any Persons who have recently arrived or to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, are desired to send their Names and Addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 11th, 1878.

NOTICE.

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Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

BIRTH. At Hongkong, on the 25th November, Mr. CARL HENNINGSEN, a daughter.

DEATH. On the 26th November, at Hongkong, the daughter of Captain Piddell, of the British ship "Tern," aged one year and ten months, after a brief illness. At his residence, on Monday night, the 2nd instant, Mr. JAMES WILKINS, of the Home Repertory, aged 44.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 5TH, 1878.

Some of the statements in reference to opium smuggling made by Mr. J. McLEAVY BROWN, in his report on the Trade of Canton for 1877, are now to the general public. The trivial amount of the drug which passes through the Foreign Customs at Canton has been yearly decreasing, was in 1877 only 324 piculs, but Mr. Brown very clearly points out that this decrease is attributable to the fact that foreign vessels have "never been the favoured channel of conveyance with the importers of opium, and are becoming less so as years pass on." He goes on to observe—"The Native Collectorate simply milks at all points the Foreign Customs House in the matter of duties, and the merchant sensibly and naturally goes to the shop at which he finds the charges lowest." This is what we have more than once ascertained, after glancing the information from reliable sources, and it is satisfactory to find our statements corroborated by a Customs official. Mr. Brown alleges that a considerable portion of the smuggling in to Canton is carried on board river steamers by the passengers and the Chinese crew. He details many of the stratagems resorted to by the smugglers, and shows how cleverly they outwit the vigilance of the Customs officials and escape the observation of the captain and officers of the steamers, under whose nose their operations are conducted. The latter, of course, need no explanation from any acquaintance, though Mr. Brown has, possibly for fear of any wrong construction being put upon his remarks—thought proper to add—"And all this goes on board, to the surprise of many, entirely without the knowledge of the captain, officers, and engineers, and, of course, utterly unknown to the directors and shareholders of the company." There is really nothing surprising in "all this." The captain and officers have always enough work to do without looking after smugglers, and they could not undertake—even if they were so inclined—to establish surveillance over all the movements of the passengers and crew. Much the same thing goes on board the packets that ply between England and France, and it cannot be entirely suppressed, though the vigilance of the Customs employes may render the risk of discovery too great to make the business pay.

The seizure of native opium which Mr. Brown makes reference to is certainly an astonishing one. That so large a quantity as one hundred piculs should have been collected together in one spot is remarkable, but still more so is the statement that the drug was intended for the Opium Farmer in Hongkong to mix with Indian drug in the manufacture of prepared opium. In the first place we should have thought the drug would have been nearly if not quite as costly as Persian

or Bombay, by the time it arrived in the Colony, or at all events that the saving would not be worth the risk run in trying to smuggle it home. Moreover, it is the interest of the Opium Farmer to keep up the reputation of his prepared drug, and this would certainly not be the way to do so. Had it belonged to him we should have thought he would have protested against the seizure as illegal, for the opium would appear to have been collected within the province, and should only pay duty at the port of shipment. Without disputing the fact of the seizure, we are strongly inclined to doubt the accuracy of the statement in reference to the destination of the drug. It was probably trumped up either for the purpose of damaging the reputation of the Farmer and injuring the sale of his opium or else to shield the real owners, who feared being subjected to a seizure. Quicker times are done in China sometimes. We have heard, on undoubted authority, that not many years back a mandarin was caught in his own smuggling a large quantity of opium. He fought for it, as the drug was valuable, but was overpowered; the drug was seized, and the heads of the smugglers whipped off without the form of a trial. Officials frequently have a hand in smuggling ventures, but they usually take good care not to be caught. That they either engage in it directly or connive at it is well known to the Imperial Maritime Customs, as well as to other people.

We notice that Mr. Brown endeavours to disprove the oft-repeated accusation made by British and foreign merchants against the Chinese Authorities of trying to gag the native trade of Hongkong. He says "the junks on the Canton-Hongkong line are said to be the property of a company, most of the capital of which belongs to officials and others connected with the principal Yamen in Canton. The same is probably true of many of the other lines. They are not likely, therefore, to be harassed in their movements to any undue extent by the Customs Authorities, as any grievances they may have are certain to be promptly heard in the proper quarter and soon redressed." If it be a fact, that some of the junk-owners are officials this would account for the queuing that the rest are subjected to, in order to handicap them in their opposition to the official boats. Many of our readers are, perhaps, unaware that the Chinese Authorities, not only of Kwangtung but of other provinces, refuse to recognise Hongkong as a port of call, clearances to it. The clearances are invariably made out, we are informed, to Canton, and the duties that would be payable at that port are collected from the junks coming to Hongkong at the blockade stations round the island. The junks clearing from this Colony are also subjected to seizures by which they are now almost completely paralysed, having found it fruitless to appeal to the Hongkong Government for protection. The great object of the Kwangtung Authorities is to divert as much of the trade of Hongkong to Canton as possible, and to effect this no stone is left unturned. The recent unjustifiable interference with the junk "Adon" with gunpowder for Macao is an instance in point. The pretext that Macao was a Chinese port and that the import of gunpowder into China was illegal was frivolous, because not only has the British Government, but the Chinese Authorities also, have practically recognised the sovereignty of Portugal over Macao. It is idle to deny that a venal system of espionage over the native trade of this Colony exists. The evidence received of the fact have been too numerous and complete to admit of any doubt on the subject, and it is useless to attempt to prove the reverse.

The score drawn for the Chinamen and "Moochow" Caps at the forthcoming Bazaar are being mailed morning and evening. On Tuesday Mr. Woodin's crew got their new boat, the Nerva, and had their first spin in it.

The performance of the "Lily of Killenay" at the Theatre Royal by the Royal English Opera Company is fixed for Saturday night. Mr. Verma has sufficiently recovered from his illness to again appear on the stage.

The Band Amateurs of the 74th Highlanders repeated the performance last night to a full house. "A Bachelor of Arts," and "The Colleen Bawn" settled at last. The pieces went well, and the actors were applauded. A portion of the band was the orchestra and played several selections. The performance was praised by the Colonel of the regiment.

The Kreuzschiff, writing on the relations between Russia and China, takes it for granted that the Chinese Government has investigated the Chinese rulers to demand the retrocession of that country to Russia, who have already been turned away from supporting Afghanistan. This paper, however, believes in a peaceful settlement between the St. Petersburg and Peking Governments.

On Saturday another sailing boat was blown off the reef, and a man was killed. The boat was a small one, and was blown off the reef by a strong wind. The man was killed by the boat striking the reef. The boat was blown off the reef by a strong wind. The man was killed by the boat striking the reef.

Mr. J. C. Daily News learns that on the 24th ult. the Chinese village known as Manai, at the Pagoda Anchorage, Peshawar, was entirely destroyed by fire. The village was a small one, and was destroyed by fire. The village was a small one, and was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Robert H. Douglas writes to The Times as follows—"There is an important factor in the settlement of Asiatic questions which is too often overlooked at the present juncture. China has suffered much at the hands of Russia. Whole provinces have been taken from her, and only a few frontier districts have from time to time been absorbed, with barely an apology, into the Russian Empire. At the present moment, also, the Chinese are being driven from their frontiers by the Russian Government. This recent successful campaign in Kashgaria has left China stronger in Central Asia than she has ever been, and also the retention of Kuldja has placed her in a commanding position in regard to the great trade routes, the nearest proximity would suggest that we should come to a clear understanding with her in support of our common interests."

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THE NEW CHINESE ENVOY TO ENGLAND.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here on the 24th ult. was the new Chinese Envoy to England, Mr. Li Hongzhang, accompanied by his wife and children, and his suite. The Envoy is a man of high rank and position, and his arrival is a matter of great importance to the Chinese Government. He is accompanied by a large suite, including several high-ranking officials and a large number of attendants. The Envoy is expected to remain in England for some time, and will be accompanied by his wife and children. The arrival of the Envoy is a matter of great importance to the Chinese Government, and his presence in England is a sign of the growing influence of China in the world.

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ST. ANDREW'S BALL, HONGKONG.

The Scottish Community of Hongkong gave a ball on Friday night, the 29th ultimo, in celebration of St. Andrew's Day, and the success attending it was as great as that of most similar entertainments of the kind. The ball was held at the Grand Hotel, and was attended by a large number of guests. The entertainment was of a high order, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. The ball was a great success, and the Scottish Community of Hongkong is to be congratulated on the high order of the entertainment.

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COLLISION OUTSIDE HONGKONG.

On the afternoon of the 24th ultimo a collision occurred between the British three-masted schooner *John*, Captain Maher, and the German brig *Frederick*, Captain Meyer, when the *John* was bound for the Great Western Islands, and the *Frederick* was bound for Hongkong. The collision took place about 10 miles from the coast of Hongkong, and resulted in the death of several persons and the injury of many others. The *John* was damaged, and the *Frederick* was sunk. The bodies of several persons were recovered, and the remains of the *Frederick* were found. The collision was a tragedy, and the loss of life and property was a great one.

CHINESE SUPERSTITION.

The following case, which was heard at the Hongkong Supreme Court recently, is a fair sample as an illustration of Chinese superstition of what not unfrequently comes to light in the course of legal proceedings. The case was heard at the Hongkong Supreme Court, and the judge was of the opinion that the case was a fair sample as an illustration of Chinese superstition of what not unfrequently comes to light in the course of legal proceedings. The case was heard at the Hongkong Supreme Court, and the judge was of the opinion that the case was a fair sample as an illustration of Chinese superstition of what not unfrequently comes to light in the course of legal proceedings.

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